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TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

USINT CAIRO

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

USINT ALGIERS

AMEMBASSY TUNIS

AMEMBASSY RABAT

AMEMBASSY SANAA

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

AMEMBASSY ATHENS

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TAGS: PINT, LE

SUBJ: FORMER USG OFFICIAL BLAMED FOR ATHENS AIRPORT ATTACK

1. ACCORDING TO AUGUST 8 FBIS, CAIRO VOICE OF PALESTINE
REPORTS QUOTE SEVERAL LEBANESE PAPERS UNQUOTE HAVE CHARGED
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THAT RETIRED AMBASSADOR ARMIN MEYER WAS BEHIND AUGUST

TERRORIST ATTACK AT ATHENS AIRPORT. VOICE OF PALESTINE
ALSO QUOTES LEBANESE PAPER "AL YAWM" TO EFFECT AMBASSADOR
MEYER QUOTE PLOTTED ZIONIST AGGRESSION ON BEIRUT ON 10
APRIL UNQUOTE. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT SIMILAR FALSE
CHARGES WERE MADE AT TIME OF RAID.

2. DEPARTMENT REALIZES THAT REASONABLE AND KNOWLEDGEABLE
PEOPLE IN LEBANON AND OTHER ARAB STATES WILL UNDERSTAND HOW
RIDICULOUS THIS ACCUSATION IS. FOR THAT REASON WE DO NOT
WISH TO DIGNIFY CHARGE BY MAKING A FORMAL PUBLIC DENIAL.
NEVERTHELESS, EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE POINT TO APPROPRIATE GOL
OFFICIALS AND PRESS CONTACTS THAT ALLEGATIONS OF AMBASSA-
DOR MEYER'S INVOLVEMENT IN BEIRUT RAID OR ATHENS INCI-
DENT ARE PREPOSTEROUS AND HAVE NO BASIS IN FACT; THEY ARE
SLANDEROUS TO A DEDICATED, ABLE AMERICAN DIPLOMAT WHO HAS
SERVED HIS COUNTRY WITH DISTINCTION. SHOULD ALSO BE
POINTED OUT THAT AMBASSADOR MEYER HAS NOT BEEN ASSOCIATED
WITH COMMITTEE TO COMBAT TERRORISM SINCE JULY 1 AND THAT,
IN ANY EVENT, OFFICE IS CONCERNED SOLELY WITH DEFENSIVE

MEASURES TO PROTECT AMERICAN LIFE AND PROPERTY ABROAD
AGAINST TERRORISM AND TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF FOREIGN
DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN THE U.S.

3. INFO ADDRESSEES MAY DRAW ON FOREGOING AS APPROPRIATE
IF CHARGES AGAINST AMBASSADOR MEYER SURFACE LOCALLY. ROGERS

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